

## Town Council.

At the Town Council Monday night Councilman Moore of the Legal and Franchise Committee made the usual progress report on the Essex Cross Railway Company's application for a franchise. Mr. Moore stated that he had heard nothing from any of the railroad people, but he thought it would do no harm to keep the application alive, and he moved the usual postponement of action for two weeks. Councilman Walker made a speech in opposition to Mr. Moore's motion. He said it was evident that it was impossible for the Essex Cross Railway Company to give transfers on other street railway lines in the town, and the Council did not want to, and ought not to, grant a franchise without transfers. Mr. Walker said it was time some decisive action was taken in regard to the application before the Council, and he made an amendment to Mr. Moore's motion by moving that the application for a franchise be denied. Councilman Harrison supported Mr. Walker's amendment. Councilman Moore opposed the amendment on the ground that a great deal of work had been done by the Franchise Committee in preparing the ordinance, and it was probable that the Orange and Passaic Valley Railroad might apply for a franchise over the same route and give the transfers desired by Mr. Walker. The vote on the amendment was three to two against. Mr. Moore in voting against Mr. Walker's amendment stated that his vote was not intended as a declaration in favor of the franchise, but simply on the question of keeping the application alive. He said it was due to Mr. Lawrence that he be notified of any intended decisive action on the part of the Council.

Councilman Conlan presented the petition of Ellen Smith in regard to the Lawrence Street drain. The town has the right of way for a drain through Mrs. Smith's property and it is now an open ditch. Mr. Smith wants to build some houses on her property and she wants a pipe drain laid and covered over so that she may utilize the surface of the ground taken up by the ditch. The matter was referred to the Committee on Roads and Gutters. Councilman Harrison made a motion that the Board of Health be requested to return the custody of the town poor house to the Town Council for the use of the Poor Department. The motion was adopted. The poor house was turned over to the Board of Health at the time of the small-pox epidemic and a place was rented for the accommodation of the town's poor. The rent is an additional expense to the Poor Department, and the building rented is not as convenient. Councilman Harrison was of the opinion that the danger from small-pox was passed and the Poor Department should be given possession of the building.

Councilman Harrison reported the renewal of the water contract from April 1 to July 1.

Mayor Henry M. Doremus of Newark sent the Council a letter of acknowledgment of the resolution of sympathy with the people of Newark over the Clifton Avenue tragedy.

The election of Frank Madison as a member of Active Hose Company, No. 2, was approved, and also that of Robert Cairns as a member of Phoenix Hose Company No. 1.

Fred J. Ogden, representing Edgewood Road property owners, asked the Council to accept that street as a town highway. Mr. Ogden described the location of the street and his request was referred to the Legal Committee for a report.

A petition was received for street lights on Wataessing Avenue between Berkeley Avenue and Grove Street, and for a sewer in Grove Street.

## A Resort for Young Men.

Surrogate Joseph W. Eilor has purchased the bowling alleys, pool and billiard tables, and other appurtenances of the First Ward Republican Club of East Orange. It is Mr. Eilor's intention to give the young men of Wataessing and the First Ward of East Orange the privilege of the club room at a mere nominal charge for games. He does not want to make any money out of it, and all surplus over running expenses will be applied to keeping up the place and repairing tables and alleys. There will be no charge of admission and the house will be open to all, and the only expense to patrons of the place will be the small charge for use of the pool and billiard tables and alleys.

It is Mr. Eilor's sole intention to afford an unobjectionable resort to all young men and boys, subject only to such restrictions as are necessary to the preservation of order and the good reputation of the place. The project is an experiment, and Mr. Eilor is willing to incur considerable personal expense in making the project a success.

## Town Finances.

Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne stated at the Town Council meeting on Monday night that the fiscal year just closing had been one of the most favorable financially for several years past. The Council, Mr. Osborne said, had met all its obligations without resort to transfers from arrears of taxes.

On motion of Councilman Conlan, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the sum of \$710 was transferred from the incidental account to the sewers and drainage account, and \$1000 was transferred from the incidental account to the bonds and interest account.

The issuing of a note for \$4000 was authorized to pay balance due on account of expenses incurred in the small-pox epidemic. The Treasurer was directed to pay the town note issued for the Essex Avenue and Osborne Street sewer account, and also to pay off \$6000 of the town's floating indebtedness, thus decreasing the amount of that indebtedness by \$2000. The \$4000 note alluded to above clears off all the small-pox indebtedness.

## STATE SCHOOL MONEY.

Essex County Gets an Increased Apportionment and Bloomfield Gets a Share of It—Some Public School Statistics

The apportionment of State school moneys has been made and Essex County gets \$23,500 more than last year. County Superintendent Elmer C. Sherman, in his schedule of the apportionment of State school moneys, which will be sent out in a few days, shows that the State will contribute a total of \$667,521.72 toward the public schools of Essex, as against \$644,066.76 last year. Newark receives the largest appropriation, its share being \$32,189.01. East Orange comes next with \$47,102.55, and Orange is third with \$39,165.76.

Only five places show a decrease from last year's apportionment, and in all of these it is due to a falling off in attendance. Caldwell township loses \$47.03; Livingston, \$33.41; Millburn, \$30.84; Verona, \$19.97, and West Orange, \$147.53. This last had a decreased attendance of 3,111 days. All the places named employed the same number of teachers as during the previous year.

This town gets \$24,355.36 on a basis of fifty-seven teachers employed full time and fourteen part time, and a total of 266,778 days.

The children of East Orange attended school in the aggregate 679,386 days, and 110 teachers were employed full time and one on part time. The State aid will be \$47,102.55. Glen Ridge, with eleven teachers, will receive \$4,788.28, the attendance there being 47,168½ days.

## Schools and Police.

St. Louis is the only large city in this country that spends more for its police force than it does for its schools. St. Louis spends only 95 cents for schools to every \$1 expended for police service. Minneapolis, Minn., has the honor of leading all the large cities in the Union in its support of schools. Minneapolis spends \$3.40 for schools to \$1 for police; Cleveland, Ohio, spends \$3.01 for schools to \$1 for police; Milwaukee schools \$2.24, police \$1; Chicago schools \$2.20, police \$1; New Orleans \$2 for schools to \$1 for police; New York \$1.93 for schools to \$1 for police; Boston \$1.50 for schools to \$1 for police; Philadelphia \$1.09 for schools to \$1 for police.

## Discussed School Matters.

At a Republican conference held in the Second District of the Third Ward Monday night the discussion turned on public school affairs, and Samuel Eilor, a member of the Board of Education, who was present, replied to the many questions fired at him about the public school work, particularly the manual training and the kindergarten departments. Mr. Eilor paid a warm tribute to his colleague in the Board, Frederick B. Plich, and he advised the voters to return Mr. Plich to the Board, as it would be greatly to the interest of the people in that locality to be represented by him.

## New Trolley Wrecker.

Car No. 80, the new wrecker of the Orange and Passaic Valley line, had its first run last week, when trolley car No. 204, heavily laden with passengers, broke an axle on Central Avenue. The wrecking crew was summoned, and after considerable trouble jacked up the car and replaced the broken axle with a new one. Until this was done the east-bound track on Central Avenue was blocked and cars had to go around the other way. The well-equipped wrecker removed the car in about one-half the time ordinarily required.

## Borough Council.

Mayor Brewer of Glen Ridge, at a meeting of the Glen Ridge Borough Council Monday night, announced the following standing committee for the year: Finance—Robert H. Knight; Streets and Sewerage—Stendish and Knight; Police, Bristol and White; Law and Franchise, White and Lockwood; Sewers, Schiller and Bristol; Water, White and Schiller; Fire, Standish and Bristol; Parks, Bristol, Knight and Lockwood. The Mayor also appointed John Egan, Poundmaster; Peter Farley Superintendent of Roads and Highways, and William E. Smith, Recorder.

## To Inspect Low Lands.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Health the Secretary was instructed, on recommendation of Health Officer Gilbert, to notify George Roubaud, owner of the property north of Washington Street, to fill up the swamp there inside of thirty days or the Board will do the work itself and charge the expense to Mr. Roubaud. A letter was received, signed by George Roubaud in town, urging the Board to let the matter at once.

Inspector Gilbert recommended that some action be taken to drain the low lands between Thomas and Clinton Streets on the Suydam property, on the Osborne property near Jerome Place, and in the rear of M. N. Higgins's property in Orange Street. Messrs. T. H. Johnson and Allen Andrew were appointed a committee to act with the Inspector in the matter.

Inspector Gilbert recommended that a committee be appointed to set with a like committee of the Town Council to consider the garbage question. The committee consists of John F. Capen and Allen Andrew.

## LOCAL POLITICS.

REPUBLICAN TOWN CONVENTION WILL BE HELD TO-NIGHT.

Warm Fight on for the Nomination of Tax Collector—J. Howard Hardcastle Won Out in the First Ward Primaries—Frank Foster has a Majority in the Third Ward—A Lively Time Anticipated.

The Republican primaries for the election of delegates to the Town and Ward Conventions were held Wednesday night. The First District of the First Ward was the only primary in the town in which any contest occurred. There J. Howard Hardcastle and Joseph Fairbank, rival candidates for the Republican nomination for Tax Collector, fought a close and exciting battle. One hundred and ninety-five votes were polled and the result was: Hardcastle 98, Fairbank 97. The vote was counted three times before it was definitely announced. The delegates who will participate in the Town Convention to-night are as follows:

First Ward, First District: Theodore H. Wade, H. B. Sherman, W. P. Sutphen, John Duggan, N. Delhagen, Walter I. Toole, John Capen, David W. Smith, Wm. Douglas Moore, George M. Wood, George H. H. Alex. M. Stager.

First Ward, Second District: Charles H. Madole, Edward E. Hickmet, Everett H. Brown, Benjamin F. Baldwin, Spencer Hall, Charles Conover, James C. Brown, Wilbur Van Winkle.

Second Ward, First District: William Vogel, David Oakes, George Fisher, Tunde Garabrant, Harry White, Arthur S. Picking, Willard S. Towne, George Jacobus, George Hummel.

Third Ward, First District: William Biggart, John G. Keyler, Richard J. Maxwell, Hubert J. Ashley, Richard T. Cadmus, John Naas, Howard W. Freeman, Noah Hampson, James Adams, Charles Hilderbrand, Joseph Schaub, Fred Dower, Charles K. Underwood.

Third Ward, Second District: Charles H. Halpenny, George Butterworth, John Schofield, Charles Chabot, Louis Schiele, Thomas Fawcett, Lewis Thorndall, James Foster, Frank Madison, Joseph Waden, William Betts, James Y. Nicol, William Hodder.

Mr. Hardcastle's friends claim that his victory in the First District of the First Ward assures his nomination for Collector. One estimate gives him 20 votes in the First Ward, 8 in the Second Ward, and 4 in the Third Ward, a total of 32 votes. It only takes 22 votes to win.

If the result of the fight in the First District of the First Ward eliminates Mr. Fairbank from the race for Collector, Mr. Hardcastle's only formidable opponent is Frank Foster. The latter has thirteen delegates from the Second District of the Third Ward, and is said to have some friends in the Second Ward delegation who will vote for him, and if the First District of his own ward gives Mr. Foster any support he has a chance in the fight.

The only other contested office that the convention will be called on to nominate a candidate for is that of Assessor to succeed Samuel H. Baxter. Rumors of aspirants for the nomination in every election district are current, and there is likely to be a lively scramble for the place.

In the Second Ward Daniel Schiele has been nominated by the Republicans for member of the Town Council, and William A. Baldwin for member of the Board of Education. Nominations for Councilmen and members of the Board of Education were made last night.

## Against the Big Sewer.

The East Orange City Council has adopted a preamble and resolution opposing the Passaic sewerage bill in its present form. Among the reasons given for opposition to the measure are the following:

1. Because the cost of construction of the proposed trunk sewer is fixed in proportion to the tax rates.
2. Because the bill is so prepared that a large number of municipalities to be assessed will have no representation in the board of commissioners.
3. Because the proposed measure does not restrict the cost to \$9,000,000.
4. Because it is probable that a sewerage reservoir will be required and no provision has been made in the bill to pay for same.
5. Because the bill does not require that the work shall be done by contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
6. Because the work is of such a nature that the entire expense ought not to be placed upon the several municipalities in the Passaic Valley, as it is of sufficient public character to warrant the expenditure of State funds.
7. Because the date of the commissioners' certificate concerning the annual amount to be raised by taxation is too late, as it has been shown that an earlier date than May 1 should be named, as the assessors begin their work about May 20.

## BOARD OF TRADE.

PRESIDENT SUTPHEN'S APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Some Changes Made from the Committees of Last Year—A Conference of Chairmen of Committees Called for Thursday Night—The New Committees.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trade met Thursday evening and organized for the ensuing year. President Sutphen appointed the standing committees for the year and has called a conference of the chairmen of those committees to be held next Thursday night. The new standing committees are as follows:

Membership—James H. Moore, Chairman; Harry L. Osborne, E. L. R. Cadmus, J. B. Maxfield, Silas P. Cumming. Railroad Interests—Allison Dodd, Chairman; Wm. B. Broughton, Herbert C. Farrand, Alfred H. Edgerly, H. G. Taube. Manufacturing—R. W. Cornellison, Chairman; R. H. Thompson, Geo. W. Bowers, E. D. Farnes, N. H. Dodd. Taxes and Valuations—Theodore H. Wade, Chairman; Henry J. Dodd, E. G. Ward, Frank B. Stone, Chas. W. Martin. Sewerage and Drainage—John A. Lawrence, Chairman; T. H. Well Johnson, John R. Conlan, W. W. Schouler, A. H. Olmsted. Building—John R. Underwood, Chairman; John P. Capen, Wm. R. Raab, Cornelius Cadmus, Walter H. Post. Municipal Affairs—David G. Garabrant, Chairman; G. Lee Stout, David Oakes, Chas. L. Sibert, K. G. Duffield. Internal Trade—John Newton, Chairman; Frederick J. Ogden, L. C. Block, Louis K. Dodd, George W. Heath. New Industries—Wm. A. Baldwin, Chairman; Joseph H. Dodd, Samuel Eilor, George Peterson, Chas. J. Murray. Suburban Homes—William Biggart, Chairman; Frederick M. Davis, Arthur Russell, H. B. Sheldon, Godlove C. Seibert. Legal Committee—H. E. Richards, Chairman; Charles H. Halpenny, Wm. L. Johnson, Frederick R. Plich, Frederick E. Langstroth. Press—J. M. Mann, Chairman; Joseph F. Vogellus, Chas. C. Ferguson, S. W. Boardman, Jr., Thomas Agnew, Jr. Legislative Committee—Thomas McGowan, Chairman; M. N. Higgins, Wm. A. Ritcher, Jr., John N. Delhagen, Frank H. Baker.

The officers of the Board of Trade are: President, William P. Sutphen; Vice-President, James H. Moore; Secretary, Peter J. Quinn; Treasurer, Charles R. Underwood. The Board holds quarterly meetings in the Essex County Building and Loan Hall, and all public spirited citizens are invited to join the organization. The dues are two dollars per annum.

## CITIZENS' TICKET.

Nominations Made to Oppose the Regular Republican Ticket—J. Howard Hardcastle Nominated for Collector of Taxes—Frank H. Baker, Dr. W. F. Harrison and Frank N. Unangst Named for Councilmen—Some Republican Nominations Endorsed.

The regular Republican ticket will be opposed at the polls on Tuesday, the 11th inst., by a Citizens' ticket. The ticket does not represent any party organization, but is put in the field by men who are identified with the Democratic party. The candidates who are named on the ticket, with the exception of such regular Republican candidates who have been endorsed, have been nominated by petitions. J. Howard Hardcastle, who was defeated for the Republican nomination, has been nominated for Collector of Taxes on the Citizens' ticket.

The Councilmanic nominations on the Citizens' ticket are the same as they were two years ago, namely Frank H. Baker in the First Ward, Dr. W. F. Harrison in the Second Ward, and Frank N. Unangst in the Third Ward. Dr. Harrison and Mr. Unangst were successful in the fight two years ago. If the Citizens' ticket is successful on election day the Republican party will lose control of the Council, as Messrs. Peterson, Moore and Conlan the three of the holdovers are the only members representing the regular Republican organization.

Frank B. Daily, who was tendered a nomination for Collector of Taxes on the Citizens' ticket declined. Frederick B. Plich and Samuel Eilor of the Third Ward were tendered the Citizens' ticket nomination for Members of the Board of Education in the Third Ward, but both declined the nomination.

Some of the Republican candidates have been endorsed by the Citizens' party. The indications are that there is going to be a lively fight on election day all along the line. There is likely to be a free use of posters on both sides. Two years ago the Citizens' ticket received but few votes, notwithstanding that two of its candidates were successful. Their election was due to the use of posters.

## Still Alive.

The Elizabeth City Council Wednesday night passed an ordinance of first reading granting a franchise to the Essex Cross Railway Company to operate a trolley line from both, through Calan Avenue, Union and West Grand Streets to Broad Street and thence to Bloomfield.

## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

PARTY CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR TOWN OFFICES

William L. Johnson Unanimously Chosen for Clerk—Frank Foster Won the Collectorship Fight—Thos. H. Rawson Named for Assessor—Herbert C. Farrand, Daniel Schiele and Charles W. Chabot Named for Councilmen.

The Republican party ticket for the Spring election was completed, with the exception of nominating members of the Board of Education from the Third Ward, Saturday night at the Republican Town Convention held in Essex County Building and Loan Hall. The Convention was a well-attended and animated gathering. Theodore H. Wade presided. William L. Johnson was unanimously chosen as the party candidate for Town Clerk. Thomas B. Rawson of the Second Ward was nominated for member of the Board of Education by the Second and Third Ward. Geo. M. Cadmus had the support of the First Ward. The main interest in the Convention centered in the fight for the nomination for Collector of Taxes, which Frank Foster of the Third Ward won by a vote of 32 to 21. Mr. Foster was supported by the Second Ward delegation, which gave him nine out of its ten votes, and he had 23 out of 24 votes in his own ward. The First Ward delegates voted for J. Howard Hardcastle, and he secured one vote in the Second Ward and three in the Third Ward. The nomination of Mr. Foster was greeted with enthusiasm by his many friends.

The First Ward Republican Convention was a peaceful affair. Herbert C. Farrand was re-nominated for Councilman by a unanimous vote.

In the Second Ward Daniel Schiele was nominated without opposition for Councilman.

At the Third Ward Republican Convention Charles W. Chabot of the Second District was unanimously nominated for Councilman.

Several of the above nominees are well known to the voters of this town. Mr. Johnson, the nominee for Clerk, is personally known and liked by nearly every citizen in the town.

Thomas B. Rawson, the candidate for Assessor, has had experience in the position for which he has been selected, having served a term in the Board.

Frank Foster, the nominee for Collector of Taxes, made a highly creditable record as a member of the Town Council from the Third Ward, and won the esteem and confidence of leading citizens of the town. As secretary of several organizations with which he has been identified, and a long experience in public affairs, Mr. Foster is well qualified to fill the place for which he has been nominated.

Herbert C. Farrand, the First Ward nominee for Council, evidently enjoys the confidence of his constituency, as evidenced by the unanimous nomination conferred upon him.

Daniel Schiele, the Second Ward nominee for Councilman, is a new man in politics. He is a New York business man, and lived for a number of years in the First Ward. He built an attractive residence on the corner of Broad and Benson Streets, where he now resides. He is very highly spoken of by his Second Ward friends.

Charles W. Chabot, the Third Ward candidate for Councilman, is another new man in politics, although for several years past he has been a delegate from his district to local Republican conventions. Mr. Chabot has for the past eighteen years had charge of the engraving department in the Crescent Watch Case Company at Amperes. He came to this town several years ago and purchased property and built a house at No. 24 Dodd Street. He is popular among the people in the Second District, and it is expected that he will make a good run.

For members of the Board of Education Charles F. Koerber in the First Ward and William A. Baldwin in the Second have been re-nominated by unanimous vote. There is a slight disagreement in the Third Ward over the nomination of members of the Board of Education, but it is expected that the matter will be settled to-day.